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COMPLETION OF HANFORD FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND CONSENT ORDER INTERIM MILESTONE M-024-57, ANNUAL REQUIREMENT "DOE WILL INITIATE DISCUSSIONS ANNUALLY IN JUNE USING THE DATA QUALITY OBJECTIVES PROCESS (DQO) TO REAFFIRM THE SELECTED WELLS AND RECOMMEND ANY NEW WELL INSTALLATIONS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN A THREE-YEAR ROLLING PRIORITIZED DRILLING SCHEDULE CONSISTENT WITH SITE WIDE PRIORITIES"

The purpose of this letter is to notify the State of Washington Department of Ecology and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) has completed interim milestone M-024-57 requirement to initiate discussions annually to reaffirm selected wells and recommend any new well installations. The annual initiation of discussions to reaffirm selected wells occurred on December 21, 2005, six months ahead of the June 30, 2006, due date. RL has provided draft scope and schedule descriptions for regulatory review and we look forward to continuing dialog leading to a mutually acceptable updated M-24 Milestone.

RL remains vigilant in Hanford cleanup efforts to ensure that this workscope is completed in an effective, efficient, and timely manner with no impact on human health or the environment. We appreciate your continued support and cooperation with the Groundwater Project.

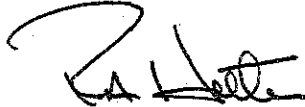
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If you have any questions, please contact me, or you may contact Briant Charboneau of my staff, on (509) 373-6137.

Sincerely,



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